

HOW I PRODUCE AND MARKET ALFALFA HAY

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Clayton Geraldts and his son Christopher run a commercial hay farm in Hart County near Munfordville, Kentucky. His total farm size is 560 acres, 300 of which are leased. The focus of his operation is producing small square bales for the horse market. Clayton currently grows a range of forage species including 400 acres of alfalfa and alfalfa/orchard grass and 150 acres of timothy, orchard grass, and teff. On average he puts up 70,000 small square bales a year. Clayton is one of the best hay producers in the state and last year won the Charlie Schnitzler Producer Award at the 28th Annual Kentucky Alfalfa Conference. In his presentation Clayton will discuss equipment requirements for establishing, maintaining, and harvesting top quality horse hay. He will also provide an overview of his expectations for yield and quality of his product as well as proper input and storage requirements.